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ave been conducted in good order. •

NINETY SECOND YEAR.

ST. LOUIS, MO., THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1900.

## "RELIEF" MEASURE REPORTED, AMENDED.

Senate Cuts Out the Clause Giv ing Future Revenue to Puerto Rico.

#### TARIFF BILL LIKELY TO PASS.

Several Republican Senators Will Note for It Only Recause They Believe the Party Is Pledged to It.

REIT BILG SPECIAL Washington, March L.-There have been no further breaks in the Republican ranks In the Senate, although several Sena-tors will support the bill only because the party is pledged to it, and not because they believe that it is a good measure. Senator Cullom is in this class, and unless a party cancus commits the Republican Senators to the measure he may vote against it. Present indications are that when the bill

is brought to a vote it will have a substantial majority. Senator Allison reported the Puerto Rican relief bill from the Committee on Appropriations to-day, with an amendment limiting the appropriation to the money that had been collected on imports from Poerto Rico to the United States up to January 1, 1999. This amounts to \$2.000.455.8. The provision in the House bill that collections since January 1 and all further collections under the present law should be appropriated for the government of Puerto Rico is stricken from the bill. Senator Alien introduced to-day an amend-ment to the relief bill, declaring that the Constitution was, by force of the Paris freaty, extended over the island of Puerto Rico: referred.

Puerto Ricans Starving. Puerto Rico's pitiable plight has again been brought to the attention of the War Department by Brigadier General Davis, Governor General of the Island. In an of-nicial report received by Acting Secretary Meikeljohn, General Davis states that the natives are bordering on starvation, and he fears an outbreak of lawiessness and ill-ness. Workmen and their families, who are without employment, are coming into the

without employment, are coming into the towns and begging for food.

It had been the intention of General Davis to discontinue the distribution of free rations on March 1, but finding that the people were unable to obtain the necessaries of life he recently asked the department for 500 tons of rice, codish and bacon, which will be sent on March 16. The letter received to-day urges that another shipment of 500 tons be made as promptly as possible. General Davis suggested that he be given authority to improve the public roads. He thinks he can employ 25,000 men for three months. Including wages, tools and supplies, the cost of their employment will be about \$225,000 a month. There will be required for this work 15,000 showles, 3,000 picks, 500 pick handles, 1,000 metal wheel-barrows and 500 hammers for breaking road barrows and 500 hammers for breaking road material. Should the department grant the authority requested, General Davis says " wiff enable the island to fide over the period preceding the new industrial and economical

Acting Secretary Meikeljohn is unable to authorize General Davis to place men at work on the roads, as the department has no funds for this purpose.

"In what more easy or equitable manner can relief be given to the people of Puerto Rico?"

President McKinley recently considered the advisability of recommending to Con-gress an appropriation of \$3,000,000, to be sed in alleviating Puerto Rican distress, but the pending tariff and "relief" measures

PROMISES TO PUERTO RICO. New York, March 7.-Doctor J. Julio Han-na of this city, a member of the Puerto

Rican delegation which went to Washington January 17, asking Congress to fulfill the promises made by General Nelson A. Miles in his proclamation to the Puerto Ricans in July 28, 1898, said to a Mail and Express rerier to-day: We expect and shall insist that this Gov-

ernment fulfill its part of the contract entered into by General Miles when an al-liance was made with Puerto Pilco. In March, 1835, before the war with Spain toke out, I went to see Mr. Roosevelt, then | United States. Assistant Secretary of the Navy in Washington, and suggested to him the benefits the United States would take Puerto Rico. I told him that I, as leader of the revolutionary party, could furnish him with all the maps, the number of duras would suffer severely. The new tender of the revolutionary party, could furnish him with all the maps, the number of soldiers, the arms, locations of roads and American territory would enjoy a tremen-sil the data required, and that the island dons advantage and inevitably agriculture could be taken without the firing of a shot, there would spring up and the fruit trade es the residents would be glad to join hands of the British possessions would be threatand fight the common enemy; provided, I ened.

told him, that Puerto Rico be annexed to the United States, and that she enjoy the would, in British opinion, be almost an unimmunities, privileges and liberties of other friendly set, as it would invite petitions.

Territories in this country. from the British colonies to be annexed to erritories in this country.

"Mr. Roogevelt took the same view of the tree United States.

ships going to and from South America tary of State that absolute free trade for would call there. I believe that President Puerto Rico would seriously embarrass the ships going to and from South America McKinley is in favor of granting us unre- British Government, and as far as he could stricted trade with this country. He has the Ambassador is said to have argued never said anything to the contrary. In adnever said anything to the contrary. In addition to that, we want permission to borrow for our necessities, say, \$3,000,000. I bettelligent circles had not the Hay-Pauncefote lieve that every dollar that has been paid on duty on merchandise imported into the sland from the United States from April II. Street Car Men Presidence been sland from the United States from April II. Street Car Men President of the Macrum case, that the British Foreign office is more potent with 13 Financial News. lieve that when the Lascelles case goes before the Supreme Court, it is sure to be decided against the United States. I firmly believe that Puerto Rico will enjoy trade

#### PAYNE ALSO ANNEXES CUBA.

#### But Would Deny Constitutional

Payne, member of the Republican National Committee from Wisconsin, said to-day in tariff for Puerto Rico:

"Looking to the future welfare of the Republic, I consider it would be a calamity to have the status of Puerto Rico, Cuba or the Philippine Islands made such as would

stion. The bill pending gives time for ample of was made a Brevet Brigadier General. haste to settle irrevocably a question which quitted themselves with great credit, Shaf-

terested as the working classes. If free during the fighting, but officers who were trade is established with the Islands, they reported to me after the battle was ended most the cheapest labor known in the

'Is that condition desirable? Do our competition with the masses of Puerto Rico.



AN APPARITION.

## TRANSVAAL'S GREAT DEFENSE. DEMOCRATS WILL

SPECTAL BY CABLE

London, Wednesday, March 7 .- (Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)-A. G. Hales, the Daily News's correspondent, who was captured by the Boers and recently released, sends the following from Sterkstroom:

"When a prisoner at Bloemfontaine I had an interview with Steyn, the President of the Free State.

"He said that they were determined to fight to the last man. He prophesied that the capitulation of Pretoria would be preceded by events that would astonish Europe."

State would be child's play compared to what would follow in the

The Daily News also has a dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez stating that five thousand Kaffirs are digging trenches around Pretoria.

is levied, they will be able to buy these materials free of any tax, and the sugar and tobacco-raiser in this country will suf-fer by reason of this competition with al-most the cheapest labor known in the

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# "In what more easy or equitable manner

Tariff on Puerto Rico Helps British West India. Thursday; Friday fair; colder in

northern portion; fresh to southerly REPUBLIC SPECIAL. For Arkansas-Fair and warmer Thursday; Friday fair; east to south

1. Boers Along the Modder Are Retreat-Ing.

Transvaal's Great Defense.

"Relief" Measure Reported, Amended, Democrats Will Force an Inquiry. 2. lediana Against McKinley.

Why Canada Is Helping Eritain. Warlike Plans in Kentucky.

Sixty-Pive Killed in Red Ash Disanter. Ice Pice Does Much Damage. Russia's Game of Grab

4. Race Track Results.

& Illinois Democrats to Meet in June Senator Mason's Pro-Boer Resolution, River Telegrams.

American Soldiers Ordered Home Events in Society,

7. The Railroads. Texas Republicans Divided Resources of St. Louis.

9. New Corporations. Real Estate Transfers. Missouri Humane Society. Woman's Home Mission Controversy.

11. Street Car Men Present Demande

14. Applications for Bank Charters

Battery A Men Appointed.

Strike in Chicago Continues. Bankruptcy Hearing Begun. Hospital Association Distribution Husbands Must Make Fires.

Visiting Merchants Expected To Day.

#### "I preferred charges against Lieutenont Calonel Corbin, based upon the information I had received and believed to be correct.

of Nashville, Tenn., December 14 and 15, and on these charges he was brought to 1864, in which the General commanded a trial by a court-martial which, however, division, and had under him such men as acquitted.

### CRONJE GOES TO ST. HELENA.

Other Boer Prisoners Will Accompany Him.

Lendon, March 8. The military authorities have decided that General Group and the other Boer prisoners shall be sent immediately to the island of St. Helena, there to remain until the end of the war.

Lord Roberts has chosen Lord Bathurst, Chould of a milita regiment at the front to command the escent to St. Helena, which was last month placed in cable communication with Cape Town and Lendon. on with Cape Town and London.
It is also asserted that the Cabinet has resolved neither to propose nor to entertain a proposal at the present juncture for an

#### OFFERED TO SURRENDER.

Commando of Boers, However, Named Impossible Terms.

They Demand Action on the Macrum Charges Within Two Days.

#### IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS.

They Will Be Instituted Against Secretary Hay Unless Republicans Act Within the Time Limit.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Murch 7.-Unless the House TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC. ommittee on Rules acts upon the resoluion for an investigation of charges made former Consul Macrum within two days

> sentative Wheeler of Kentucky, who introduced the original resolution. Speaking of

"The Republicans are trying to smother the resolution, and they will not be permitted to do so. The proof is so conclusive that an investigation cannot be evaded. "I have been informed that Secretary Hay had the President to bring pressure to bear upon Speaker Henderson to hold up the rule for the investigation. He will not be permitted to do this.

"I have conferred with the Democratic leaders and we have decided to begin bupeachment proceedings if the resolution is smothered.

"The committee will be allowed two days more. Unless action is taken then, impeachment will be commenced. ary law in a case like this is clear and concise. The proceedings cannot be blocked and

they will be pushed to the end."

Each Senator and Representative has been furnished with a reproduction of one of the letters that Mr. Macrom received that had been opened and reseated with an official

been opened and reseased with an omeral sticker of the English Government. A number of Republicans are expected to vote with the Democrats for the investiga-tion, one of these is Representative Little-field of Maine, who said: "The charges are entirely too serious to let drop or to let the resolution offered for The charges are entirely too serious to drop or to let the resolution offered for investigation be smothered. I will sup-it a thorough investigation of any charge

the hands of foreign agenta."

Representative Payne of New York said:

"While I scarcely think the impeachment proceedings should be brought, I shall vote for a full investigation. It is wrong to at-

action."
Every Democrat interviewed expressed similar views. The Republicans were relicent, but they admitted that the inventigation should and would be made. They will, of course, fight any impeachment proceedings, but they have abandoned hope of staving off the investigation any longer.

#### BOER AGENT'S STATEMENT.

Hospital Ship Maine Helps Only British Wounded.

Washington, March 7 .- Mr. Montagu

"My attention has been drawn to the appeal for funds issued by the Commissioners of the hospital ship Maine. I have not the slightest wish to check the generosity of those who are desirons of relieving the Brittsh sick and wounded in South Africa, but, though it may be somewhat superfluous, I feel it a duty to point out that, as the Boer lines are three to five hundred the Boer lines are three to five hundred the least likely to profit by the charity of the enemy are in full retreat toward the ligerents, I, therefore, feel compelled to request all those who are anxious to assist the Boer sick and wounded, or the widows and orphaus, to send their subscription to me or any of the properly constituted or-ganizations which are collecting money for

#### PEACE PARTY'S WORK.

Correspondent Says It Is Neutralizing British Victories.

London, March &-A correspondent of the Morning Post at Osfontein, telegraphing

now may cost us dear later. The provisions of the bill are operative but for two years, adout to be published. I was urged to expunde that time we may realize better the problems before us.

The people who are to pay this slight tax pried for the benefit of the masses of the people of Puerto Bico are practically the lugar and tobacco trusts. If no tax at all iand and the hope that the Conservative cause they encourage the Boers to persist be dangerous in a European war, in the struggle."

# BOERS ALONG THE MODDER AGAIN ARE IN FULL FLIGHT.

#### Retreat When French's Cavalry " GENERAL WAR NEWS. Threatens Communication With Bloemfontein.

OUICKLY ABANDON STRONG DEFENSES.

#### British Flying Column Penetrates Transvaal From Zululand-Buller's Heavy Casualty List -Dordrecht Fight.

SPECIAL BY CABLE. London, Thursday, March S .- (Copyright, 1909, by the New York Herald Company ) --Lord Roberts has ugain outflanked the Boers and Free Staters, and they are redry and horse artiflery, while no less than 20,000 infantry are following in their track.

River, about ten miles east of Panrdeberg. put at 4,000, but as the trenches covered a space of fifteen miles, their number must The Boers were faced by the Ninth, Seventh and Sixth divisions, while General

moment brought from the extreme left of the British line, to the extreme right, facing the Boer left. The British operations opened with the cavalry working round the Boer left, cov-

French, with his cavalry, was at the last

ering the march of the Sixth Division. The Boers at once fell back to the north and east. The cavalry and borse artillery followed closely, and the Seventh and Ninth divisions and the Guards' Brigade also marched in pursuit, The Boers lost one gun, an immense quan-

tity of forage and a number of tents, Roberts's headquarters last night were at Poplar's Drift, which is probably eight or ten miles cast of Koodo s' Rand. It is know that President Stevn within

the last two or three days, has been with

this Boer force. He probably is still with it. so that if it can be surrounded he may be The Boer tactics appear to have been ele-mentary in the extreme, for they had no real defence on either of their flanks, although their intrenchments were intricate while the nature of the country allowed the

easy passage of cavalry in whichever direction was deemed advisable.

The case with which Roberts attained his object strongly indicates that the Boers never intended to make a serious stand at this position, and that it was merely a screen to hide their real point of concentra

ton, or was a device to get the British to group for the impeachment of Section, or was a device to get the British to display their full strength. If either of SPECIAL BY CABLE these suppositions be correct, the Boer designs were successful.

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From other quarters of the war the respectively. ports are favorable to the British except in the northwestern provinces of Cape Colony, where the Dutch uprising is retting the

Carnavaron district on fire. General Clemens has advaced as far as the Natai side of Van Reenen's Pass. Ourlogspoort Eliver. Elle rext move will A still more heavy casualty list has be to the Orange River bridge. Gatacre's mounted infantry have gone to press the retreating Boers who have two

guns in position on Bastard's Nek. BIG BATTLE IMMINENT.

London, March 8-A disparch to the Times from Modder River, dated yesterday,

The Boers occupy an extensive position between ourselves and both Bloemfontein nd Winburg. They include the bulk of the himself. Only sufficient men have been left behind to bold Van Reenen's Pass and Lang's Nek. Extensive desertions are re-ported during the week. "An engagement is tuminent which may

DISPATCHES FROM ROBERTS. London, March 7.-The War Office received | two dispatches from Lord Roberts to-day. The second and more important one tol- | border from Zululand.

lows: "Poplar Grove, March 7, Evening.-We had a very successful day and have completely routed the enemy, who are in full retreat. "The position which they occupied is extremely strong and cunningly arranged with

a second line of intrenchments, which would tack been made. "The turning movement was necessarily wide, owing to the nature of the ground,

or a full investigation. It is according to a full investigation."

Representative De Armond of Missouri said:

"The Democrats are a unit for immediate the cavairy division, which, as usual, did the cavairy division, which, as usual, did exceedingly well, and General French restriction."

ports that the horse artillery batteries did areat execution among the enemy. "Our casualties are about fifty.
"I regret to say that Licutenant Keswick was killed and Licutenant Bailey was severely wounded, both of the Twelfth Lan-Lieutenant De Crespigny of the Sec-

and Life Guards was severely wounded. Remaining casualties will be telegraphed tomorrow. "Generals De Wet and Delarey commanded the Boer forces."

The earlier dispatch from Lord Roberts

north and eleven miles south of the Mod-

The enemy are in full retreat toward the the least likely to profit by the charity of the Maine, even supposing that those responsible for the undertaking really desire to extend their care to the republican belligerents. I. therefore, feel compelled to regade, under Pole-Carew, are making their way across the river at Poplar's Drift, where I propose to place my headquarters this evening. "Our casualties will, I trust, be few, as

the enemy were quite unprepared for being attacked by the flank and having their nunications with Bioemfontein threat-

#### ened." RETREAT DISAPPOINTING. London, March 8 - Spenser Wilkinson in

the Morning Post to-day says: The Borr retreat is disappointing. It reminds me of a conversation I had with Lord Roberts seven years ago, while his guest on a tour of the Punjaub. I wanted to know all about certain points in the campaign in Afghanistan, and accordingly nsked him why he almost always sent a detachment to turn the enemy. I added some reasons why such an operation night "Lord Roberts replied that as regards a

but he added:

"You should always consider the enemy
with whom you have to deal, Turn an
Asiatic and he will always go." "Until new none of us has classed the Boers and Free Staters, and they are re-resating rapidly to the north and coat, close-ty pursued by a strong force of British cav-they are off. This looks very much as though recent events had demoralized

growing commando of Boers Intrenched in beaten in detail. Their only chance is to bis front on both banks of the Modder collect the bulk of their forces for a decisive battle. If they have not enough men

> hal estimate of the strength of the enemy's forces—about 50,000-were not far wrong. In that case the game is up, for they must have lost 10,000 of the original 20,000. The excape of the Boer force yesterday, howis most disappointing. "A good General is not satisfied with the retreat of his enemy. He wishes to destroy

BGERS SAID TO BE WEARY. SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, Thursday, March 8.—(Copyright, 199), by the New York Herald Company, by The Parks Tel.

The special correspondent of the Daily Telegraph sends this dispatch:

Kimberley, Tuesday, March 6.—I have talked with several intelligent Boer prisoners who are in bospital Here.

All agree that the Transvaalers and Free Staters are wearled and disheartened, and if they had their own way they would break up and go home to-morrow.

These men severely criticise the Boer plan

The Boers on the north bank are also evacuating the position.

The British suffered fifty casual-

not expecting a flanking movement 4 and that when their communications d

infantry following rapidly.

ersed Zululand and entered the Transvaal after several brushes with small Hoer parties,

The Boers stirlbute their withdrawal from Ladysmith to a mistake made by one commandant in defense south of Ladysmith.

The Boers have retired to their Biggersberg defenses in Natal, south . of Dundee. Part of the force investing Ladysmith went to the brakensberg passes.

In retreating they blew up · bridge and cuivert nlong the rail-• way and set fire to the Elandslangte Brabent's force has captured

Boor fort at Dordrecht.

of campaign, declaring that a mistake was made in attempting the invasion of the British colonies, whereas the true policy onsisted in concentration within their own

### RELIEF OF LADYSMITH COST BULLER 6,000 MEN.

#### He Is Sending Reconnoitering Forces Northward and Westward to Locate the Boers.

northward and westward in Natal, backed up by re-enforcements,

Scouts report that there are no Boers on A still more heavy easualty list has been received from Buller of losses during the Boers in the final operations for the relief

fifty-four missing. Adding these to the returns issued on

Monday, it makes the total 1,859 for the fortnight named. All together it may be estimated that no hors de combat by the operations of the re-

lief column during the last ten weeks. A new feature of the situation on the eastern side of the theater of war is the appearance of a British flying column in the Transvaal. A small force of all arms has penetrated nine miles, having crossed the

The main Boer force in Natal is encamped wonth of Dundee in the Biggersberg range. BOERS RETREAT COMPLETE.

Ladysmith, March 5.-There are no Boers within twenty miles of here. Plenty of supplies are available, and the troops are quickly recovering their strength. Many of have caused us heavy loss had a direct at- the volunteers have been granted furloughs. General Buller, in a general order regarding the relief of Ladysmith, says: "Two forces during the last few months

> have striven with conspicuous gallantry and splendid determination to maintain the honor of the Queen and the country. "The Ladysmith garrison for four months held that position against every attack with

> complete success and endured many privation with admirable fortitude. "The relieving force had to force its way through an unknown country across unfordable rivers, and on almost inaccesible

heights, face a fully prepared, well armed and tenacious enemy. By the exhibition of the truest courage, courage that burns steadily, besides flashing brilliantly, accomplished its object, and added a glorious page to the history of the country. "Ladysmith was successfully held and re

and home born, who had done this were united by one desire and inspired by one The order congratulates both forces or the martial qualities displayed and thanks them for their determined effort. General Buller also sympathizes with the relatives

lieved, and the saliors and soldlers, colonial

and friends of the gallant comrades The Boers were independent of the rail way, as is shown by the fact that not one of their 2,900 wagons went by mil. All traveled by road, together with the field batteries. Only the heavy guns, the infan-try and wounded went by rail. When the last train left Elandslangte, a

workman's train followed, carefully blow ing up every bridge and culvert between Ladysmith and Giencoe, and when this had been done, setting fire to the Eiandshangte collieries. Thus the British, with Natal's elliertes sending lurid flames to beaven, the bullock wagons wound over the bill making roads where none before existed, and the four months' siege of Ladysmith

was raised. It is impossible as yet to give the burgher casualties, owing to the disorganization of the ambulance and the circumstances of

RETREAT DUE TO A MISTAKE. Boer Camp, Biggersberg, March 2.-The Federals have fallen back on the Biggersberg Chain that crosses Natal south of Dundee. The retreat from Ladysmith was

ant in ordering his men to retire from the

key of the position without any reason for On the receipt of bad news from the Modder Eiver, Wednesday, it was resolved to send the wagons back to Biggersberg, and soon long strings of ox wagons lined the

Over a thousand wagous took the westerly route to the larger southwest of Ladylast two weeks of February, affording evi- smith. Another convoy was sent to the dence of the determined resistence of the foot of the Drakensbergs. A large number of tents captured from the British at Dunof Ladysmith. The catalogue issued yes- dee and also the ammunition were abayterday comprises 123 killed, 575 wounded and | doned. The chief difficulty was in dis-

mounting "Long Tom." PRESDERGASTS INVASION London, March 7.-A special dispatch from

Durban says that a flying column of Britless than 6,000 British troops were placed ish troops from Zululand has entered the Transvaal and has been daily skirmishing with small parties of Boers. The force consists of mounted infantry, Natal scouts and artillery, all command

by Major Prendergast. The column first crossed the border on February 28. It now occupies an intreached position on Catasa Hill, nine miles within the Transvaal. NEARLY 2,000 CASUALTIES.

London, March 7 .- Another list of the casualties sustained by General Buller's forces from February 14 to February 27,

Killed, 123; wounded, 573; missing, 54. Of these, the losses of the Inniskillings were as follows: Killed, 54; wounded, 162; missing, 22.

Dublin Fusiliers-Killed, 15; wounded, 97; nilesling, 18. Connaught Rangers-Killed, 19; wounded, Royal Irish Fusiliers-Killed, 11; wounded.

63; missing, 2. Scots Fusiliers-Killed, 18; wounded, 63; missing, none. With the list of casualties issued Monday,

this makes the total cost to the rank and

file in the final relief of Ladysmith, 1.959 WOULD HAVE DIED FIGHTING.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, Thursday, March & (Copyright, 199), by the New York Herald Company.)—Winston Churchill cables to the Morning Fost an interview with Sir George White, in which the defender of Ladysmith says that he would have held out until April 2, heads this would have held out until April 2. though this would have involved the de of most of the native population and the starvation of the sick from want of nour-ishment. He then would have fired all of

he ammunition, burned the stores and munitions, and any soldiers who were fit crawl five miles would have formal capitulation, which none of the Generals would have even contemplated General White spoke somewhat bitterly of the treatment and criticisms to which

he had been subjected at home, and in con-"I regret Nicholson's Nek, but I regret nothing else. It may be that I am an ob-stinate man, but if I had the last five months over again, I would not, with but

one exception, do anything but what I KREGER EXTHUSES BOERS. Cleucee, Natal, March 3.-President Kru-ger returned to Pretoria.

His address to the burghers has fired them with fresh enthusiasm to continue the fight for independence and to bring the war to a successful issue. FREE STATERS PANICKY. London, March 8.-The Times publi

"President Kruger's precipilate journey to Natal was due to General Joubert's urgent representations that the operations of Lord Roberts had so alarmed the Free Staters "There is every indication of chaos and

the following report from Lorenzo Mar-quez, dated Monday, March 5:

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justice at the expiration of two years."

Rights to the Islands.

the then Colonel William R. Shafter and Lieutenant Coionel Charles H. Growenor, the latter the present member of Congress. give them, later, rights which would entitle them to admission as States into the "This question should have the most careful, thoughtful and statesmanlike considerstion. The bill pending gives time for ample

may be of most vital importance to our people in the future.

There is no class of people so much in-

Cuba and the Philippines?

"Calm, dispassionste discussion of the whole subject is in order; a mistake made command brave men. Many years afternow may cort us dear later. The provisions

"The President further claimed that the struggle in the Free

LEADING TOPICS

For Missouri-Fair and warmer PAUNCEFOTE'S HAND IN IT. Thursday: Friday warmer; probably colder in northwestern portion; outherly winds. For Illinois-Fair and warmer

Washington, March 7 .- Great Britain, according to current gossip in Washington, has a finger in the Puerto Rican pie. Lord Pauncefote, it is said, so charmed with his success in obtaining from the Sec retary of State a promise that free port facilities might be granted to Canada on the Lynn Canal and at the success of his

negotiations over the Nicaragua Canal, conseived that it would be a good idea to product the West Indian colouies of his prefect the West Indian coloules of hi-The colonies have been prodding the Brit-

matter.

The feeling of amity which Secretary Hay if afterwards called on President McKin-ley and explained to him that as Fuerto Rico stood opposite the canal of Nicaragua.

The feeling of amity which Secretary Hay desires to foster, would have been seriously disturbed. Therefore, Amhassador Pauncefete is said to have intimated to the Secre-

#### British Foreign Office is more potent with 12 Financial News. this administration than are the American people.

CHARGE AGAINST CORBIN. General Morgan Tells Why He Was Accused of Cowardice.

New York, March 7 .- T. J. Morgon, late.

colonel of the Fourteenth United States

(colored) Infantry, and Brevet Brigadier General, U. S. V., has written an open letter to the Tribune, with reference to Adjustant General Corbin's military record with our propert explanation.

Washington, March 7.—Mr. Montagu Was as follows:

White, the representative of the Transvall in the United States, to-day authorized the following interview:

The enemy occupied a position four miles during the Civil War. General Morgan's reports of the battle of Nashville, Tenn., December 14 and 15, 1864, in which the General commanded a

has been brought up in reference to Corion effort to gain promotion to the rank Major General General Morgan says; tor showing special activity and courage and suffering the loss of many of his men. I was not with Licutement Colonel Corbin reported to me after the battle was ended that he had betrayed such cowardice as to excite the ridicule of both officers and men. I spoke to him about it, and he at once tendered me his resignation, subsequently,

"In my official report of the battle I said

sed Corbin of cowardice. The matter